

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed on April 30, 2004, is acknowledged. Claims 1-3 and 10 stand rejected. Claims 4-9 and 11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner indicated these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 12-20 are allowed.

Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings and indicated that the feature of the sidewall have a generally frusto-conical shape and including six generally triangular-shaped sections is not shown. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Paragraph [00045] of the specification states that "when sealed together, sections 24 form a structure having a generally frusto-conical shape." The generally frusto-conical shape is shown in Figure 3. Regarding the generally triangular sidewall sections, paragraph [00040] states "[r]eferring to Figure 5, a laid out view of sidewall 14 is depicted showing that the sidewall consists of several generally triangular-shaped sections 24..." The drawing in Figure 5 coincides with this description.

Specification

The Examiner objected to the format of paragraph [00041]. Applicant has addressed this objection by starting a new paragraph at line 5.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,124,049 to *Yamaguchi* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,333,492 to *Aarts*. Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Yamaguchi* and *Aarts* and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 5,368,395 to *Crimmins*. Claims 1 and 10 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Yamaguchi* in view of JP 360211332A. Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 4 as Examiner indicated would be allowable in paragraph 7 of the Office Action. Accordingly, dependent claims 2, 3 and 10 should also be allowable. Applicant has also

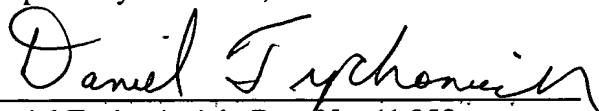
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amended claims 5 and 11 into independent form including all the limitations of the base claim as the Examiner indicated would be allowable in paragraph 7 of the Office Action.

Applicant considers that it has fully addressed the Office Action of April 30, 2004 and that claims 1-3 and 5-20 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowability be issued. Applicant notes that certain claims have been amended and/or cancelled solely to advance prosecution of the Application and to obtain allowance on clearly allowable claims at the earliest possible date. Therefore, no admission be inferred by the amendments or cancellations to the claims herein. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions or comments regarding the attached amendments or above remarks.

If necessary to effect a timely response, please consider this paper a request for any necessary extensions of time, and charge any shortages in fees, or apply any overpayment credits, to Baker & Daniels' Deposit Account No. 02-0387 (70704.60006). However, please do not include the payment of issue fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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